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Establishing an Operating

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of January 13, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11-16 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 1-6, 10, 17-18, and 21-22. Set forth below is a clean copy of the amended claims after entry of this amendment. Included herewith is a marked-up copy of the amended claims, illustrating the changes made thereto in this amendment.

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1. (Amended) A processor comprising: